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DECISION ACCORDING  
STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 26, 2004.

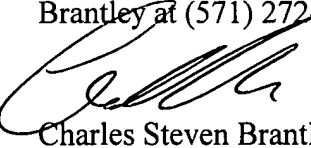
The petition is **granted**.

The petition requests the acceptance of the declaration without the signature of inventor Kevin May.

The instant application issued as a patent on June 14, 2005.

The issuance of the patent raises possible issues regarding the current necessity of Rule 47 status. However, formally granting Rule 47(a) status at this stage can not harm petitioner. Therefore, the Office accords the instant application/patent Rule 47(a) status. The Office formally accepts the declaration without the signature of inventor Kevin May.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

  
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